



Blackburn Middle School's

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Panther News

August, 2021

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Greetings,

I hope this communication finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy! It is a great pleasure that I welcome you to Blackburn Middle School for the 2021-2022 academic school year. It is time to **Return to Learn** and reopen our schools fully to in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

At Blackburn, we remain committed to the following safety protocols as we **Return to Learn**:

- Ensuring that you have adequate supplies of personal protective equipment, such as face coverings, as well as cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Screening scholars and adults (including visitors) as they arrive at school.
- Communicating our procedures and expectations at entrances and throughout our buildings.
- Requiring scholars and team members to wear face coverings for the fall of 2021. (We will evaluate the face-covering mandate in December.)

At Blackburn, we are committed to operating our school with protocols and procedures that prioritize public health and protect our scholars and team members. We are committed to providing a world-class learning experience in a clean and safe environment where our scholars can flourish. Again, welcome back team as we **Return to Learn**!

Sincerely,

Mr. Glenn Kane, Principal



August 8 Free physicals for athletes at Lanier (see details below)

August 9 First Day for Scholars

August 14 Free physicals for athletes at Wingfield (see details below)

August 21 The Mississippi Book Festival's literary lawn 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Open House will be held at Blackburn Middle School on Sunday, **August 8, 2021 from 3 to 5 p.m.** Come out to meet your child's teacher and find out the expectations for the 2021-2022 school year.



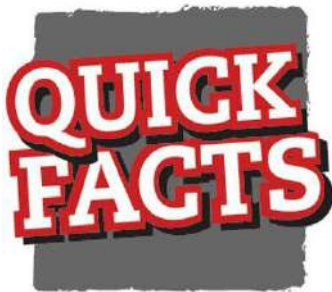
Blackburn Middle School Vision

The vision of Blackburn Laboratory Middle School is to support the academic, cognitive, physical, social, and emotional needs of every child through transformative learning experiences and continuous engagement.

Blackburn Middle School Mission

The mission of Blackburn Laboratory Middle is to provide a safe learning environment that promotes and encourages the whole child while challenging them to become and excel as lifelong learners, independent thinkers, respectful individuals, and responsible citizens.

BLACKBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL



- School Mascot: Black Panther
- School Colors: Green, Black, Gold
- The school serves grades 6-8.
- Minority student enrollment is 99%.
- The student-teacher ratio is about 21:1.
- The school enrolls 100% economically disadvantaged students.
- School motto: "The work always wins!"
- School slogan: **P.O.W.E.R.** – Providing Opportunities with Enrichment and Responsibility!



- Bookbag
- Mask
- 1 2- or 3-inch binder with 8-10 dividers (please check with your child's teacher)
- Headphones or earbuds
- Colored pencils
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Highlighters
- Glue
- Wide ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
- Handheld pencil sharpener (with receptacle)
- Pencils (2 boxes #2)
- Erasers
- Washable markers
- Personal wipes to carry in bookbag
- Kleenex (for personal use)
- Pens (blue, black, and red)



Welcome Back Students!

We are so excited for this school year! We look forward to an awesome year working with our scholars, parents, and teachers. Our goal is to provide an environment that promotes student achievement, addresses social emotional needs and produce lifelong learners. Our role is to support our scholars through individual and small group counseling, classroom presentations, and peer meditation.

Let's Stay In Touch

Please feel free to contact your child's grade level counselor at the school office at 601-960-5329 or via email:

Ms. Angela Powell- 6th Grade Counselor
andavis@jackson.k12.ms.us

Mrs. Octavia Shelby- 7th Grade Counselor
ofortenberry@jackson.k12.ms.us

Dr. Donna Barnes- 8th Grade Counselor
dobarnes@jackson.k12.ms.us

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE BELOW:

TOPS (SHIRTS AND BLOUSES) MUST BE NAVY BLUE OR WHITE.
T-SHIRT UNDERGARMENTS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AS A UNIFORM TOP.
 TOPS MUST BE TUCKED IN BOTTOMS.

BOTTOMS (PANTS, WALKING SHORTS, SKIRTS, KNEE-LENGTH SHORTS, AND JUMPERS) MUST BE TAN KHAKI OR NAVY BLUE.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



The mission of the Jackson Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program (MVP) is to support students and their families living in homeless situations or that are in transition. If you need assistance, please contact

Faith Strong
Enochs Complex
101 Dr. Dennis Holloway Drive (formerly Near Street)
Jackson, MS 39203
Phone: (601) 960-8707 or 960-888



At Blackburn Middle School, administrators and teachers can send texts directly to parents' phones using SchoolStatus. There are **no required apps or portals** for parents to download or manage. Direct messages are the best way to improve parent engagement and student achievement.



At Blackburn, we implement PBIS to foster student academic and behavioral success. The Code of Student Conduct compliments and supports the district-wide implementation of PBIS. At Blackburn, we are *Roaring for Excellence* with PBIS.

1:1 CHROMEBOOK



At Blackburn, every scholar is issued a Chromebook. Students have access to Chromebooks 24/7, and are permitted to use the device outside of the school building. All courses at our school operate in a 1:1 device driven environment! Scholars should follow the steps below to make sure they take care of their device:

- Never carry your Chromebook by the screen.
- Make sure there isn't anything on the keyboard when you close your Chromebook.
- Keep food and drinks away from the Chromebook.

Blackburn Middle School



ROAR FOR EXCELLENCE!

Panthers Path to Excellence:		Classroom	Hallway	Cafeteria	Restroom	Assembly	Dismissal	Bus
R ESPECT EVERYONE		-Follow directions first time given -Use appropriate language	-Listen to adults in the hallway -Observe personal space -Keep hands and feet to yourself	-Get everything you need while in line -Be polite to cafeteria staff and others	-Respect the privacy of others -Give personal space	-Sit quietly -Follow directions first time given	-Follow dismissal procedures -Quietly listen for directions via intercom	-Keep hands and feet to self -Use appropriate language
		-Arrive to school and class on time -Always use polite language -Keep hands and feet to yourself	-Report straight to your destination -Move silently through halls -Always have a pass	-Remain in your seat -Leave food items and drinks in the cafeteria before exiting	-Keep restroom free of graffiti -Place trash in trash can	-Enter and exit quietly -Always remain with your group	-Car riders and walkers leave campus promptly -Bus riders report to buses with teachers	-Obey the bus driver -Sit in assigned seat -Stay seated while bus is moving -Exit the bus quietly
O BEY SCHOOL RULES								
A CEPT RESPONSIBILITY		-Actively listen and participate -Complete class assignments -Bring needed materials	-Keep hallways clean -Pick up litter	-Clean your eating area -Push chairs under tables	-Enter, go, and flush toilet -Wash hands -Exit quietly	-Give the speaker your full attention -Look at speaker	-Always exit the building orderly and quietly -Avoid horse-play and rude comments	-Keep aisle and seat clean -Keep body and belongings inside bus
R EACH SUCCESS		-Stay focused and on task -Come prepared to learn -Stay motivated to do your best	-Walk in a single-file line on the right side -Always face forward in hallway	-Use good table manners -Use time wisely	-Report problems to an adult -Check clothes and tuck shirts	-Remain seated until directed -Report problems to an adult	-Put safety first -Be aware of your surroundings	-Always avoid conflict with peers -Display good conduct